

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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June 19, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 19, 2012

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHANGE IN WORK FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WHITTIER BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION PROJECT
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve a change in work and the increased contract amount for a public works construction contract for Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the requested change in work for construction of streetscape improvements, with an increase in the contract amount of \$311,500, will have no significant effect on the environment and approve the change and increased amount for Project ID No. RDC0015166 – Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project, related to removal and replacement bus shelters, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles, performed by Bitech Construction Company, Inc.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval of the project from your Board for the change in this public works construction contract in support of the timely completion of the project while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The description of the change, estimated cost, and the necessary time extension are listed in the enclosure.

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The Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your Board's approval is a change in work in excess of the Director's delegated limit, which is required to complete the project.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Approval of this change will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This change in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

Project ID No. RDC0015166, with an increase in the contract amount of \$311,500, is available in the First District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program and included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

If this change in work is not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract for the construction of this public works improvement was awarded by your Board on March 31, 2011, to an apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid in accordance with the State Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director or her designee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The change in work as described above and in the enclosure does not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The cost is based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The method for arriving at the cost of the change is included in the enclosure.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the requested change by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under the contract and result in complete and usable facilities.

#### CONCLUSION

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Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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**Enclosures** 

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

CHANGE IN WORK (APPROVE)
June 19, 2012

<u>PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015166 – Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project</u> (in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1, Contractor: Bitech Construction Company, Inc.

## **Project Description:**

Construction of streetscape improvements.

## Change in Work:

Removal and replacement of bus shelters

\$311,500.00

## Description of Change:

In order to meet the intent of the project and complete the necessary streetscape improvements, it is necessary to remove 11 bus shelters installed on Whittier Boulevard between Burger Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard and replace with a revised model to provide greater pedestrian accessibility and better visibility to the adjacent storefronts.

The cost of this change will be negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Twenty working days will be required because of this change.

### <u>Financial Information</u>:

Funding for this change in work is available in the First Districts' Proposition A Local Return Transit Program and included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

# **Revised Contract Amount:**

Original contract amount	\$2,150,367.00
Changes previously authorized by your board Changes in work previously authorized	371,745.00
under delegated authority Change in work to be approved	6,800.00 <u>311,500 .00</u>
Revised contract amount	\$ <u>2,840,412.00</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	32%

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